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Peres to make last-minute decision on Hebron pullout

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres said Friday that he would make a last-minute decision on withdrawing IDF troops from Hebron on schedule, linking the pullout to the Palestinian Authority's crackdown on extremists.

The IDF was to withdraw most of its troops from Hebron on March 28 under the Oslo 2 accord. Some troops are to remain in the city to protect the 400 settlers living there.

However, the government is re-considering the withdrawal in light of the series of suicide bomb attacks by Islamic terrorists that have taken 59 lives since February 25.

Peres said that since only a few hours were necessary for the redeployment he would "weigh it until the last moment."

"At first I thought we'd need a week to redeploy, now it develops that a few hours are enough," Peres said.

"I want to make sure the Palestinian Authority has full control over Hamas and I want to know where we stand on the Palestinian charter," Peres told Channel 1 Friday night.

Peres said he was satisfied with the effort Arafat was making but wanted to ensure that the crackdown on the militants would continue.

Earlier Friday, Peres told high school pupils in Holon that the Palestinians were fighting terrorism as they had never done before, and while Israel could demand they do more, it could not be denied that they are fighting terrorism, raiding mosques, replacing imams and killing and wounding terrorists.

Meanwhile, the army has allowed Arab laborers with work permits to return to their jobs in Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and parts of the Jordan Valley, the IDF spokesman announced yesterday.

"The IDF stresses that Palestinians will still not be allowed into the boundaries of the state," the statement said.

The steps aimed at easing the economic pressures on the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria came following Friday's partial demolition of the house of the family of Majdi Abu Wardah, the suicide bomber who blew himself up on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus February 25, killing 25 people.

The house was in the middle of the Al Fawar refugee camp near Hebron and the army used a series of small explosions to minimize damage to neighboring homes, the army said.

As a result of the explosion, light damage was caused to three windows in a nearby house, which the IDF will repair in the coming days, the army said.

The army destroyed just two rooms of the house and left the kitchen and bathroom intact. It also reportedly left standing a small office belonging to the United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency which had been connected to the structure.

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A huge crowd packs a street in Taipei to celebrate President Lee Teng-hui's landslide victory in yesterday's first-ever democratic presidential election in Taiwan. Story, Page 3.

Peres assails Iran, hints at restraint in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE and agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres, assailing Iran for backing guerrilla attacks in Lebanon, has signaled that Israel might refrain from launching a retaliatory assault for Hizbullah's latest suicide bombing.

"This depends on the actions of Hizbullah," Peres said, when asked if he saw any alternative to an Israeli military reprisal in Lebanon. "I must act with maximal deliberation."

"As for Iran, we know that this is a government of murder and terror. We know the Iranians are using every possible route, including diplomatic mail, to smuggle arms and explosives."

"We know that Iran applies pressure to strike at targets in Israel, and at Jewish and Israeli targets abroad."

Despite continued US efforts to bring calm to the region, Hizbullah gunmen fired several mortar rounds yesterday at an IDF position in the eastern sector of the security zone.

There were no casualties in the long-range Hizbullah attack on the Dabsha post. IDF gunners returned fire in the incident, which in the normal course of events would have

present concrete solutions to the shortage of bomb shelters and security rooms and other matters affecting the daily lives of residents.

Metulla local council head Yossi Goldberg accused the government of trying to con the council heads. He maintained that the Interior Ministry had cut NIS 2 million from the local council's budget, despite the security situation. Goldberg later walked out of the meeting.

Council heads, who were briefed on Thursday night by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine about the situation in south Lebanon, charged that the tension had badly affected the tourism industry in the region.

The delegation of 11 directors-general agreed to implement a series of measures costing NIS 30 million to improve public bomb shelters and those in schools, as well as the establishment of a terminal at the Kiryat Shmona airport, improving roads and infrastructure in the north, and implementing security measures in communities in the region.

A special delegation of directors-general, led by the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Zvi Alderoti, visited the north on Friday and met with heads of confrontation-line communities.

The aim was to hear the problems created by the tense situation in the north, and to

Meretz holding primaries today Labor goes to polls tomorrow

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MERETZ'S 41,000 members will vote today for their Knesset candidates in primary elections at 205 polls throughout the country, starting at 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Some 30 candidates are contending for Meretz's Knesset list - 15 in the Citizens Rights Movement, 10 in Mapam and five in Shinui.

Meretz is the only party which gave its primary candidates a campaign grant and restricted them to a minimal election expenditure, in order to give them all an equal opportunity.

In addition, "the smaller the spending, the less chance of corruption," Meretz Knesset Faction Chairman Ran Cohen said. Each new candidate could

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spend NIS 40,000, of which NIS 25,000 was the party's grant. Those who already served one Knesset term could spend NIS 20,000, of which NIS 15,000 was a party grant, and veteran MKs were only allowed to spend NIS-15,000, NIS-5,000 of which was granted by the party.

Each voter will be asked to grade the candidates in each of the three lists which together make up Meretz. The voters will grade nine out of the 15 CRM candidates, six out of Mapam's 10 candidates and three out of Shinui's five.

The final list will be put together as follows: No. 1: Meretz Chairman Yossi Sarid; No. 2: the

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Mapam candidate who finishes first in Mapam's primaries (probably MK Haim Oron); No. 3: the Shinui candidate who finishes first (probably Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein); No. 4: the CRM candidate who finishes first on this list (MK Ran Cohen or MK Dedi Zucker); No. 5: the CRM candidate who finishes second; No. 6: Mapam's representative who finishes second in Mapam's primaries; No. 7: Shinui's candidate who takes second place in the primaries; No. 8: the CRM candidate who finishes third in CRM primaries; No. 9: the Mapam candidate who finishes third in the Mapam primaries; and No. 10: the CRM candidate who finishes fourth in the CRM primaries.

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SOME 285,000 Labor Party members will vote for their party's Knesset candidates in primary elections tomorrow, at 1,200 polling stations in 800 sites across the country.

A total of 186 candidates are competing - 56 for the 15 to 16 realistic slots (up to slot 46) on the national list, and 130 for the 23 realistic places in 11 regions.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvili said on Friday that the party's new Knesset list is expected to feature at least 10 new faces, mainly from the regional list, and at least six women up to slot 44, compared with four on the previous list.

Slot 29 is reserved for a new immigrant. Thousands of volunteers will serve as observers, supervisors and security guards, in addition to 400 paid guards.

It is estimated that Labor will end up spending some NIS 7 million on the primaries - from the membership poll through tomorrow's elections. Zvili urged the IDF to enable soldiers to vote

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tomorrow. The IDF announced last week that it will not allow thousands of soldiers who are party members to participate because procedures for them to cast ballots anonymously were not arranged.

The party put a ceiling on how much candidates could spend on their campaigns: NIS 150,000 for those competing on regional lists, and NIS 250,000 for national list candidates.

The candidates have spent an estimated NIS 25 to NIS 30 million on their campaigns.

The polling booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in more populated regions, and 8 p.m. in smaller areas.

The largest polling site will be Holon's sports stadium, which will have 35 booths for some 10,000 voters. Voters will be presented with two lists, a national one and a regional one. Each voter will be asked to mark 11 to 15 names on the regional list and two on the regional one, except the Druze list, on which only one name should be marked.

Wanted by the IDF - a few sticks of dynamite lying around the house

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

DOZENS of kilos of TNT, assault rifles and thousands of IDF uniforms are among some of the equipment returned by the public during the army's month-long amnesty campaign which ends this week.

The campaign is the first in five years, and the army expects to get hold of millions of shekels worth of equipment that has "disappeared."

"We believe that the public has some of this equipment that can't be accounted for," said Brig.-Gen. David Binyamini, head of the Logistics Division of the Technology and Logistics Branch.

"We are in a country where the people are an integral part of the army, and the opposite," Binyamini told The Jerusalem Post. "Every year tens of thousands of people come into contact with a lot of equipment and a lot of it has disappeared."

Every few years the IDF allows citizens to return any equipment they have, no questions asked and without prose-

cution. In the past three weeks, Binyamini said, the public has brought in sleeping bags, fatigues, ammunition clips and thousands of rounds of bullets.

"They have also brought in lots of demolition explosives, including dozens of kilos of TNT, detonators and fuses. Also we have received numerous weapons ranging from Kalashnikovs, M-16s and even a dated Karl Gustav sub-machine gun," Binyamini said.

Binyamini said the list included hundreds of items ranging from the obvious to the bizarre.

"Someone even brought back a mess tin. What he wanted a mess tin for I don't know," Binyamini said.

Binyamini said the value of the equipment returned was negligible compared to the enormous IDF budget. But he said the army was also keen on getting ammunition and explosives out of the public's hands. "When a man keeps this at

home, anyone can get to it. Kids can play with it and naturally, if someone knows it's there, it can be stolen," he said.

Binyamini acknowledged that holding the amnesty month did little to deter someone from "borrowing" army material. But he said the IDF decided on carrying out the operation after calculating the amount of "missing" property was immense and probably needed to be rounded up.

"Secondly, we wanted to give people who acted against the law a chance to return it," he said.

Starting in April, the IDF in conjunction with the police will launch a campaign to retrieve stolen army equipment and prosecute those caught with anything with the IDF stamp on it.

"We won't search inside people's homes - we are not a police state," Binyamini said, adding that people would probably be

checked on hikes and at camp sites where lots of sleeping bags and blankets were likely to be found.

Binyamini was particularly incensed with the thefts of Hermoniot (thermal body suits), which he says he often sees on motorbike riders.

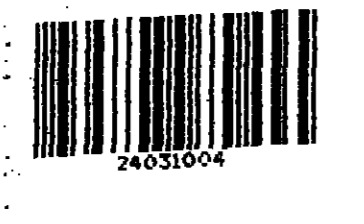
"We will buy more, but it really makes me angry to see young guys using winter equipment our soldiers need up in Lebanon and the Golan, with

IDF" still printed on the back. They could have at least erased it," he said.

So far, no one has returned any vehicles or heavy weapons, as was done in previous amnesties, he said.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON VACATION. Most government offices will be closed during Hol Hamo'ed Pessah from Wednesday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 10, inclusive. Aside from emergency assistance, no services will be provided. Before Pessah, a list of the offices and departments that will be closed will be published as well as information on the emergency services available to the public.

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Bikur Holim tests new non-invasive technique to check for clogged arteries

A healthy person who wants to know how high his risk is of developing clogged coronary arteries in the decades ahead only has to open his mouth.

After a mild sedative is administered, a tiny electronic device will be threaded down his esophagus to beam ultrasound pictures of his heart's aorta - the largest artery in the body - to a computer screen.

The procedure, about to be tested as a diagnostic technique by doctors at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital, is called trans-esophageal echo cardiography (TEEC).

Prof. Andre Keren and Dr. Zahi Khoury, two senior cardiologists at the hospital, have just received a grant of NIS 200,000 annually for three years from a joint Israeli-German research fund to carry out a clinical study using this technique.

The prestigious BMBF-MOSA (German Federal Ministry for Education, Science, Research and Technology and Israel's Ministry of Science and the Arts) grant will

allow the Bikur Holim cardiologists to test 300 heart patients at the hospital. As a binational research project, the study is being carried out in conjunction with Prof. Werner Daniel of the cardiology department at the University of Dresden in Germany.

"We believe we are the first research team in the world to conduct a clinical study on the use of TEEC for observing the development of atherosclerosis in patients and the effects of treatment on reducing the amount of fatty plaques in the coronary arteries," says Keren.

TEEC is used for a number of other purposes, such as looking into the lungs, to see if a foreign object is lodged there. But, considered practically non-invasive and not dangerous (albeit a bit unpleasant), it can get an excellent view of the heart's major artery.

"The amount of fatty deposits in the aorta is a very good indication of the atherosclerotic process in all the coronary arter-

ies, and the more of this there is the greater the risk of a heart attack," says Khoury. "We believe that the amount of plaque in the aorta can also be used to identify the earliest stages of heart disease - long before it shows up in other tests or symptoms - and that is the theory we will test in our study."

"We have no trouble getting volunteers among the heart patients under treatment at Bikur Holim. It takes only 15 minutes, and we think it is better for this purpose than any other non-invasive test, including stress tests. The earlier pre-clinical atherosclerosis is detected, the easier it is to reverse the process and keep patients healthy in the future."

The researchers will follow the patients over three years and perform a number of TEEC scans on each patient. "We will then be able to see the effects of smoking cessation, exercise, reduction in stress, a low-fat diet and medica-

tion on them over a long period of time," explains Khoury.

A Greek-Catholic Arab born in the Galilee village of Touran who graduated from the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine and now lives in Shuafat, Khoury notes that awareness of risk factors in heart disease is very low in the Arab community.

Many Arab men smoke, although it is uncommon among Arab women, just as it is among their Orthodox Jewish counterparts. He does not know of any serious studies that have isolated all the relevant factors in mortality rates from heart disease and compared them in Jewish and Arab Israelis.

"There are 70,000 Arabs in eastern Jerusalem who, since the national health insurance system was established, are now entitled to the full basket of health services," he says. "Some are just beginning to become aware of the importance of prevention of heart disease. But it will take a long

time. There are conflicting factors: a diet with a lot of olive oil and more-than-average physical activity work to reduce the risk of heart disease, but smoking, a minimum of health education and perhaps less access to care works to their detriment."

The only Arab doctor in Bikur Holim's cardiology department and one of a handful in the whole hospital (there are a number of Arab nurses), Khoury says he feels completely home there. The voluntary hospital is not only Jewish-sponsored, but is run according to strict Orthodox principles and located on the edge of a haredi neighborhood.

"I have an excellent relationship with the staff," he says. "They're wonderful, and I feel a full partner. A terror attack has no effect on Jewish-Arab relations in the hospital. Rarely, a patient who learns I am an Arab may object, but I don't regard this as important. After getting his treatment, such patients want to come back for follow-up."



Good news for soldiers of the Artillery Corps: Hearing loss may be treatable in many cases. (Eliad Gershgorin/DFP Spokesman)

Most eardrum damage can be repaired

Rx FOR READERS
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

There were a number of cases of exploded eardrums during the recent bomb blasts. I wondered whether eardrums repair themselves naturally, if an operation has to be performed to replace the damaged eardrum, or if there is nothing to do and victims suffer from permanent hearing damage. What is the answer?

A. D., Jerusalem
Dr. Mordechai Kraus of Soroka Hospital's ear-nose-and-throat department answers:
An explosion can cause a tear in the eardrum, or - more seriously - it may go beyond that and damage the little bones and other structures in the inner ear. If only the eardrum is affected, in most cases doctors wait to see whether the body repairs it naturally. If it doesn't fix itself, a bit of skin taken from outside the ear may be grafted behind the hole, and normal hearing is restored.
If the blast causes damage to the inner ear, this can be repaired in delicate ear surgery in nearly all cases. If harm is done to the auditory nerve, deafness will occur, but fortunately this result is extremely rare.

Although I know of no specific studies on a connection between ending breastfeeding and diaper rash, we know that changing a baby's diet does affect the acidity and consistency of his urine and stool. But even if the baby is taking formula, diaper rash can be handled.

Doctors say that 15 percent of all babies up to the age of two suffer from diaper rash, but this reflects only the infants they see; there are probably many more who don't come to a doctor's attention.
The rash results from irritation caused by contact between the skin and the components of urine and stool, as well as bacteria that grow in them. Diapers keep these close to the skin, and thus there is no diaper rash among babies who go without diapers. Today's highly absorbent disposable diapers are much better than cloth diapers, which were worn under nylon pants and promoted bacterial growth and irritation.
You should try various skin-protective ointments and brands of diapers to try to deal with the problem. Diaper rash should be dealt with, as infections can result if it remains untreated.

My six-month-old baby started getting serious diaper rash since I stopped breastfeeding. Is there any connection to change of food? I have tried various ointments, but nothing really solves the problem. Would a different kind of disposable diaper help?
I.W., Ramat Gan.
Dr. Dan Ben-Ami, a pediatric dermatologist at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, comments:

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Israel leads the world in early deafness detection

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DEAFNESS is detected in Israeli infants at a younger age than anywhere in the world, due to routine testing of babies at seven or eight months in family health (tipat halav) centers. Now, two new devices recently introduced at Hadassah-University Hospital can speed this up even more, and hearing disorders can be detected as soon as a few hours after birth.

Haya Levi, a clinical communications specialist and head of Hadassah's audiology and communications disorders institute, reported recently on this at a professional conference in Zichron Ya'acov. "In the US and Europe, only low-income children are seen at tipat-halav-like clinics, while the majority of children go to private doctors, who don't usually bother to test infants' hearing," she explains. "But in Israel, every baby is tested by the tipat halav nurse, who makes a series of different noises behind the child's back to test his reaction. Anyone who seems to have a problem is referred immediately to an approved hearing clinic or hospital audiology department."



In Jerusalem, due to a special arrangement between Hadassah and the municipality's public health department, infants who fail this preliminary test are sent to Levi's clinic even without a

health fund referral. They then undergo a high-tech exam called auditory nerve and brainstem-evoked response (ABR), which determines the reactions of the auditory nerve to the stimulation of sounds. The baby must be sedated but feels no pain. If the child is hearing disabled, it can be determined in about half an hour, to be certain that he is normal, it takes two or three hours.

Hadassah tests 120 to 140 babies a year, and about 20 of them are found to suffer from varying degrees of deafness, resulting from genetic problems, exposure to German measles or cytomegalovirus during the mother's pregnancy, prematurity, or asphyxia during delivery.

All of these babies can be helped, says Levi. There are medications and hearing aids. Those with a very serious problem may be given a cochlear implant (electronic ear implant), which costs \$20,000. The expense is shared by the health fund, Health Ministry, parents and a special Hadassah fund.

Another screening tool is the auto-acoustic emission device, which is being used on newborns only at Hadassah. A tiny microphone is harmlessly inserted into the baby's ear to determine whether it produces sounds - which is a sign of being able to hear as well.

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A lesson for China

TAIWANESE President Lee Teng-hui has won more than a convincing election victory - he and the Taiwanese people have even more convincingly demonstrated the moral superiority of the democratic process over the bankruptcy of dictatorships of the left and right.

year-old Lee was first chosen by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for a political career and has had to live down the stigma of having served in the repressive regime which was little more than a right wing mirror of the communist dictatorship of Mao Zedong across the straits.

Back to the future

THE vote last week in Russia's parliament (now dominated by communists) demanding restoration of the Soviet Union may be unrealistic wishful thinking - even irresponsible, as President Boris Yeltsin dubbed it, or "not one of the best signs," as NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said.

and social welfare programs of the Soviet Union are added, the mixture becomes a heady nostalgic brew for many Russians.



Cozying up to terror?

STEVEN EMERSON

In response to the terrorist carnage committed by Hamas in Israel, President Clinton organized an anti-terrorist summit in Egypt earlier this month.

administration release Marzook, whom he described to a reporter as a "political prisoner."

The White House is burying its head in the sand about a fundamentalist Islamic group it is publicly embracing

Research. Founded by Marzook in 1989, the association serves as Hamas's support arm in the US. Now located in northern Virginia, the group has published books (in Arabic) calling for the annihilation of Jews.

that it has issued statements condemning terrorist attacks like the recent suicide bombings in Israel.

Where home is

DEBRA COOPER

According to some commentators, whenever there's a terrorist attack in Israel, American Jews leave, or postpone long-planned trips to the country.

I made aliya from the US almost two years ago - neither for religious reasons nor to fulfill a life-long dream. It was six months after my first trip here, during which I discovered that despite many years of assimilation I was a Zionist, and thus connected to the Jewish people.

So, when the bombs go off and my Israeli friends ask if I will leave, pointing out that I have the choice, I start in with some self-righteousness of my own. I tell them what I tell my parents in Florida: that the whole point of Israel is that Jews no longer have to run.

Don't blame American Jews who leave the country when terror strikes

Here lies the difference between Jews in Israel who possess a friendly foreign passport and those who do not.

AMERICAN Jews have a home in the US. America will presumably always have an open door to me and my family.

And then, in times of trouble, if someone asks us whether we are going to stay, we will tell them that Israel is our home and we must stand by her.

Before one Jew can stand in judgment of another's resolve to be here, he must understand his motivation. If making Israel one's home is not part of the equation, then no conviction is being betrayed.

The writer is an advertising executive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE GOAL OF HAMAS

Sir, - In the wake of the recent terrorist bombings within the heart of Israel, I read, watch, and listen with astonishment as virtually every media "expert" on the Middle East refers to the goal of Hamas as the "deterioration of the peace process."

WISE DECISION

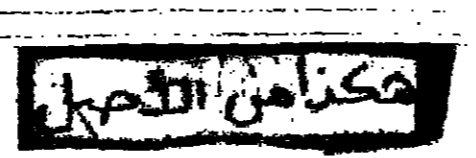
Sir, - Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss acted wisely when he took the unprecedented step of having the president of Turkey address a full audience in the Knesset's Chagall Hall rather than cause embarrassment by having him go to the plenum and address "a nearly empty room with so many MKs absent from their primary election campaigns."

RELIGIOUS WAR

Sir, - I commiserate with the anguish and pain of Israelis who have had to bury children, women and men the past weeks. In nine days, the Israelis lost the per-capita equivalent of 3,500 American lives.

POSTSCRIPT

BERT AND Ernie were missing after thieves knocked through a wall and plundered an exhibit of original Muppets.



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Is Dole too old?

BY PETER BEINART

As the Clinton-Dole contest takes shape, a bizarre convention has emerged: Bob Dole's age is not a legitimate issue. Too bad Bob Dole himself has violated this convention himself in the past. It's not just that Dole bulldog Al D'Amato ran ads in 1980 suggesting that 76-year-old New York Sen. Jacob Javits was too old for the job, or that Dole himself, during a brief foray into that year's presidential primary, pointedly sent a 69th birthday card to Ronald Reagan. Bob Dole has made his age a centerpiece of his campaign this year — as a reason to vote for him.

MATURE LEADERSHIP

"Mature, decisive leadership," "the comeback adult," "one more mission for my generation." The intended meaning of these slogans is clear: Bob Dole epitomizes the courage and character of a generation forged in war. Bill Clinton and his fellow draft-dodging, philandering boomers? Well, they're just not "tested and trusted" in the same way. As Dole supporter Warren Rudman told *The New York Times* last summer, "I pick up a lot of respect and nostalgia for Dole and what his generation represents."

"He's 71 years old. It's something we're sensitive to. We're not going to overschedule him." What about when he's president?

Fair enough. But if it's fair to use the age issue to vote for Dole, why isn't it legitimate to use it to vote against him? Surely, for starters, Bob Dole's clumsy, lethargic campaign performance is related to his being 72 years old. Would anyone deny that Dole has looked worse on the stump this year than both his current opponents and he himself in earlier races? Dole's advisers have noticed. Their strategy is now to avoid debates, to limit his public appearances and to rely heavily on local surrogates. As a Dole adviser told *Time* last July, "He's 71 years old. It's something we're sensitive to. We're not going to overschedule him." What about when he's president?

In a backhanded acknowledgment of the age issue, Dole has flirted with serving only one term in office. Such a decision would profoundly affect a Dole presidency: increasing the power of his vice president and reducing his influence over both Congress and his own party. If Dole makes such a decision, to induce Colin Powell to join the ticket for instance, it's vital that he do so publicly, something he now appears reluctant to do. The press must push Dole to make his intentions clear, and it cannot do so while pretending his age is irrelevant to his candidacy.

PUBLIC SCRUTINY

There's another more pressing reason why this should be an issue in the campaign: once Dole enters the White House, the debate will no longer be possible. We still don't know, for example, if Ronald Reagan showed signs of Alzheimer's during his second term. Experience shows that once in office, powerful forces shield a leader from public scrutiny. Francois Mitterrand's doctor now claims the late French president concealed metastasizing prostate cancer all through his tenure, and that the disease incapacitated him during his final six months in office. Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu was on life support for two months this winter before agreeing to step down; throughout, his party refused to admit anything was wrong. The 25th Amendment to the Constitution says that when the vice president and a majority of the Cabinet declare a sitting president "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office" he can be replaced. But this still leaves that authority in the hands of those who, like their French and Greek counterparts, might have a vested interest in keeping health problems a secret.

Bob Dole, to his credit, has publicly released his medical records. And, for 72, he's a healthy man. But, if elected, he would be America's oldest president, three and a half years older than Ronald Reagan was when he first took office. According to actuaries from the life insurance branch of the United Services Automobile Association, a major San Antonio-based insurance company, the average 72-year-old white man suffers a 27 percent risk of dying within five years (about the time between now and the end of Dole's first term). Although Dole exercises and eats a healthy diet, his chances are probably no lower because his high cholesterol (a genetic condition) and years of smoking (he quit in 1982) increase his chances for coronary artery disease. For the average 49-year-old white male (Clinton's age) the risk is 4 percent. That's 23 percent worth thinking about.

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Huddled masses Border conflicts overtake the workforce

BY MICHAEL LIND

"Sooner or later America must face reality. It is going to be painful.... What America is fighting is a piece of poetry.... The poetry is thrilling. It is on the Statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free....' The trouble is that huddled masses need jobs."

Richard Strout is the eminent liberal journalist who wrote *The New Republic's* TRB column for several decades. Since Strout wrote those words in 1980, more than 10 million people have immigrated to the United States legally. The number of new immigrants, and their higher-than-average birthrate, recently forced the Census Bureau to revise its 1989 estimate of U.S. population in 2080 upward, by an additional 100 million — to 400 million.

But it is not numbers alone that should convert liberal immigration defenders. As Strout observed, "The huddled masses need jobs." According to a 1995 Bureau of Labor Statistics study, competition with immigrants has accounted for roughly half the recent decline in wages among unskilled American workers. According to University of Michigan demographer William Frey, competition for jobs with poorly paid Latin American and Asian immigrants is driving low-income whites and blacks out of high-immigration states like California and high-immigration cities like New York. No wonder Steve Forbes and Dick Army favor high levels of immigration, and *The Wall Street Journal* has proposed a five-word amendment to the U.S. Constitution — "There shall be open borders." It's great for business.

But not so great for poor Americans. Still, they're not the only ones under threat. U.S. companies can legally hire 140,000 skilled foreign workers each year. Bill Gates, among others, has claimed that the U.S. computer industry needs a never-ending supply of East Asian and Indian scientists because there are not enough Americans able to do the work. Really? Why can't American industry train native and naturalized citizens for high-tech jobs? Some companies do the reverse. In 1994, the American International Group Insurance Company fired more than 250 American computer programmers and replaced them with Indian workers brought in under the H-1B visa program (which allows firms to pay

only the foreign prevailing wage plus a living allowance). To add insult to injury, the laid-off workers, on pain of losing their severance pay, were forced to train their foreign replacements for 60 days.

The greatest gains in income by the American middle and working classes, both white and black, took place during the era of immigration restriction, from the 1920s to the 1960s. Not coincidentally, this was also the heyday of union membership, which is inevitably hampered when mass immigration produces a workforce divided by ethnicity. And, of course, it was the golden age of public support for universal entitlements and anti-poverty efforts. Coincidence? Not likely. The most generous and egalitarian states in modern times have been culturally homogeneous nation-states admitting few or no poor immigrants, like those of northern Europe and Japan (where corporate paternalism substitutes for social democracy). The equation of social justice and national solidarity seems much less compelling in the modern United States, where immigrants are much more likely than native-born Americans to receive welfare benefits. (In Chinese-speaking Asia, one widely distributed book tells potential immigrants how to obtain SSI and other benefits of the American welfare state.)

There is, then, a liberal case for immigration restriction that has nothing to do with the absurd and offensive claims of some conservatives that growing numbers of nonwhites threaten our civilization (Patrick Buchanan) or our gene pool (Charles Murray). What's more, the obsession with illegal immigration of politicians like Pete Wilson evades the main issue. Each year, 300,000 to 400,000 illegal immigrants arrive here to stay, a fraction of the roughly 1 million legal immigrants who take up permanent residence each year. We can and should crack down on illegal immigration — with a stronger border patrol, fences and a computerized national employment verification system — but legal immigration represents the greater threat to American wages and unions.

Reducing legal immigration is a perfectly legitimate liberal cause — if "liberal" means protecting the interests of ordinary wage-earning Americans. Unfortunately, for 30 years the Democratic Party has not acted like a liberal or social-democratic party. It has acted as a coalition of ethnic patronage machines (each seeking to enlarge the numbers of its group eligible for affir-

mative action) and affluent white social liberals (whose lifestyles in many cases depend on a supporting cast of low-wage Latin American maids and nannies). Unlike free-market conservatives, who can at least invoke a principled libertarian viewpoint, pro-immigration liberals have no theory, merely the "piece of poetry" of which Strout wrote — and the N-word (nativist). But now that majorities of black Americans and even a slight majority of Hispanics, according to a Roper poll commissioned by Negative Population Growth Institute, support reducing immigration to less than 300,000 a year, it will no longer do to accuse all supporters of immigration reform of racism and xenophobia.

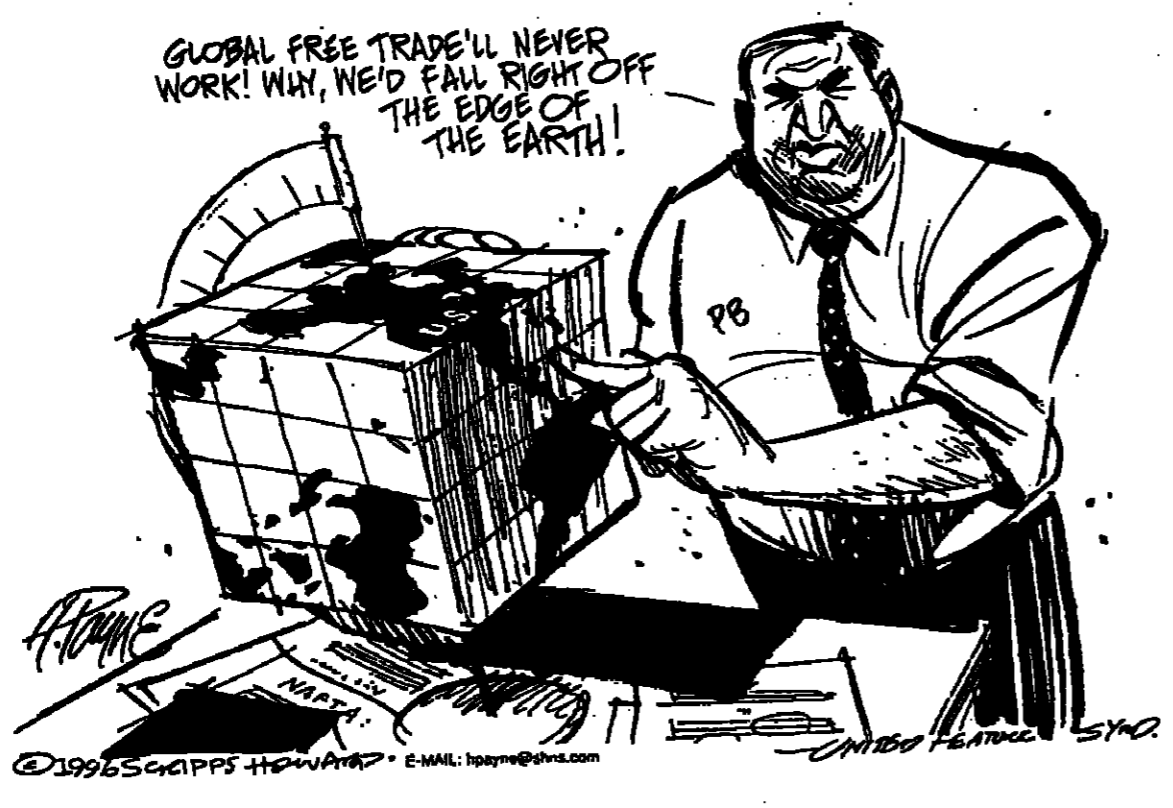
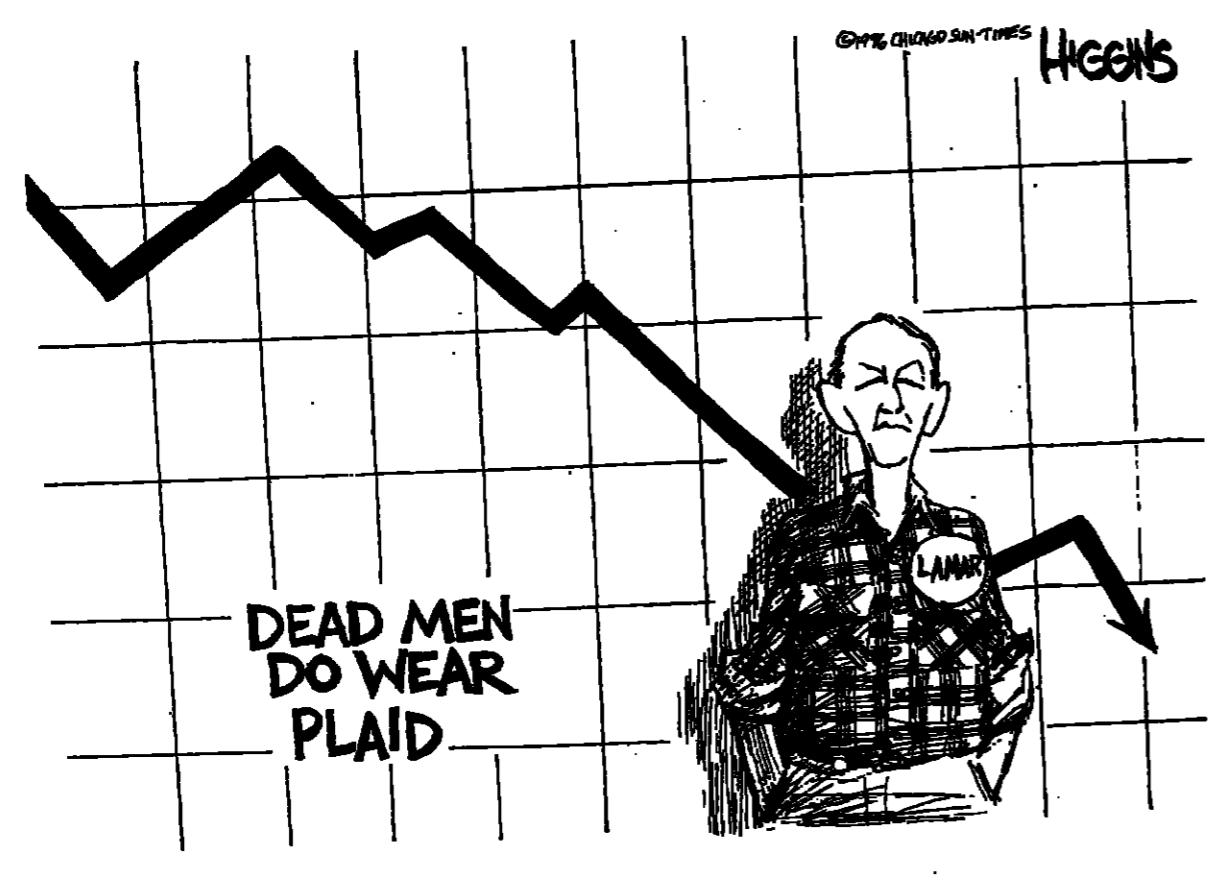
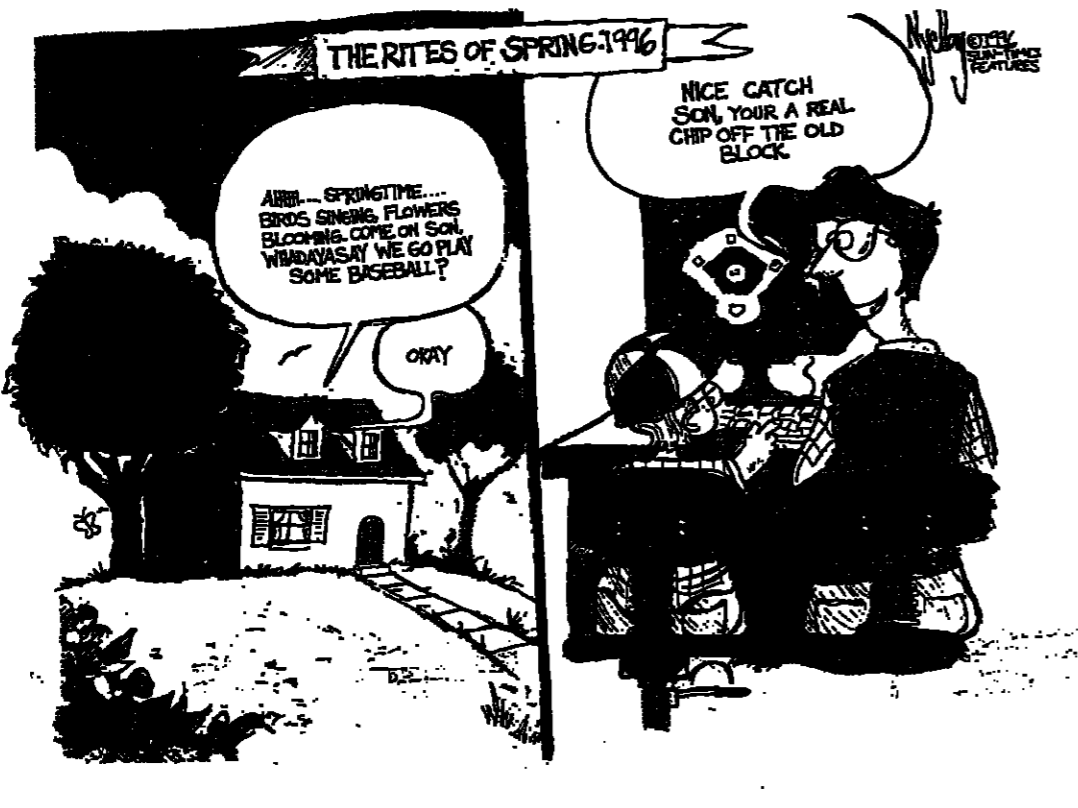
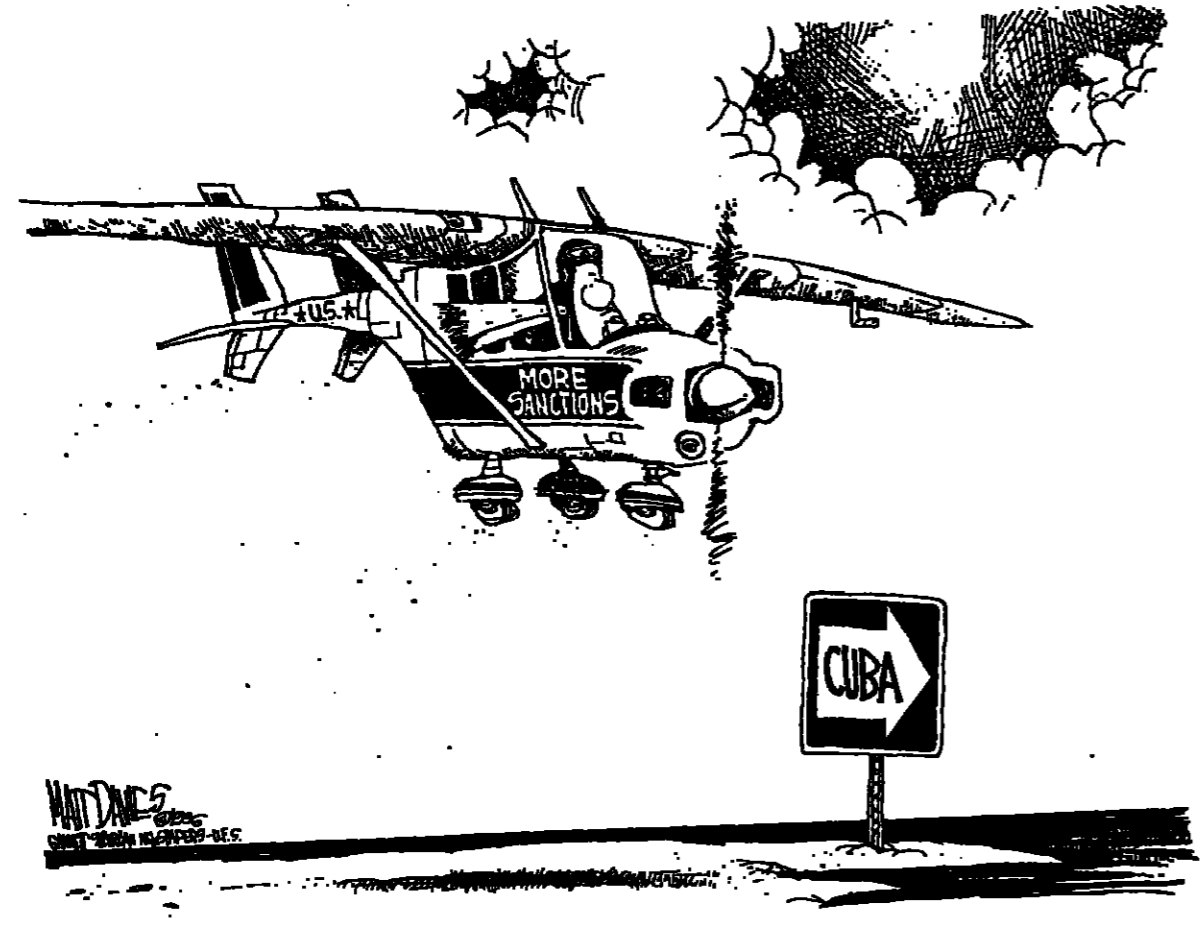
As Strout concluded in a critique of immigration policy back in 1981, "people must face facts, whether they like them or not." A brave minority of liberal Democrats, including Wisconsin Rep. David Obey, have done so, signing on as co-sponsors of the immigration reform bills introduced by Alan Simpson in the Senate and Lamar Smith in the House. Though the bills wisely cut back on extended-family reunification — a Ponzi scheme that has resulted in escalating immigrant numbers — they would reduce legal immigration by only a third, to about 700,000 a year.

That's still much too high. The numerical cap envisioned by the original Kennedy-Johnson reform in 1965 — 290,000 a year — would do more to bring U.S. population growth in line with other developed countries and raise U.S. wages, particularly at the bottom of the income scale. Yet there would still be room for plenty of humanitarian refugees, spouses and children of Mexican-American citizens, Taiwanese grad students and English journalists. Though the United States would no longer take half the world's legal immigrants, we would still have the world's most generous immigration policy.

Strout was right. Genuine liberals should unite with populist conservatives to reform an immigration policy that benefits few Americans other than exploitative employers. It is easy to talk in poetry. But it is necessary to govern in prose.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Waiting for another Clinton bomb to drop

BY MATTHEW COOPER

One of the leitmotifs of covering Bill Clinton is waiting — not just waiting for the tardy Clinton to show up at a speech, but waiting for some big scandal. During the campaign in 1992, when the draft story broke, there was always the feeling in the press corps that more would come out and the guy would be finished. Ditto with women. What happened instead is that the basic outline of the story would get out, more details would follow and, eventually, people would lose interest. We still don't know everything about how Clinton avoided military service in Vietnam, but we know the basic elements of the story, and no reporter feels obligated to ferret out the last detail. The same goes for Whitewater, which has followed a similar course. The story waxes and wanes; at times it recedes into the white noise of news where perennials like the Kurds or the North Korean nuclear program bloom. Then it becomes a big deal again.

In a sense, Whitewater is over. It's possible, I suppose, that Hillaryites Susan Thomases and Maggie Williams could get indicted for perjury, for having feigned dim memories before the Senate committee. It's possible, too, that some sort of smoking document is yet to be unearthed. But, at this point, the story is pretty much out there. Remember, we're still not entirely sure what the plumbers were looking for in the Watergate, and we're still not entirely sure of what Reagan knew about Iran-Contra and when he knew it. The same can be said of Whitewater: the fundamental outlines we know, but some mystery will always remain.

It is that element of mystery, as much as anything, that worries White House staffers. Most of the people I've spoken with in the Clinton entourage have no better idea what lies at the end of the Whitewater trail than does the average reader of *The New York Times*. The new book by James Stewart, "Blood Sport," puts flesh on the skeleton of the Whitewater story. Stewart, an extraordinarily talented reporter with a rare ability to both write a good narrative and understand complex financial transactions, made his name with "Den of Thieves," which chronicled the fate of Michael Milken and notorious financiers. Perhaps

because he had trained his guns on these icons of the Reagan years, Susan Thomases reached out to the Pulitzer-winning Stewart to write a book about Whitewater, apparently expecting a sympathetic account. This did not turn out to be good strategy.

Stewart paints a portrait of the Clintons that is unflattering, but as *Time's* editors acknowledge in their introduction to the excerpts: "Anyone looking for evidence that might indict Bill or Hillary Clinton will be disappointed." The Clintons, in Stewart's excerpts, are preternaturally ambitious; they fight. Occasionally, a shoe is hurled. Clinton, hopelessly adolescent, is amazed that a former "fat boy in the Big Boy jeans" can, as a precocious pol, attract women. And they are eager to get their hands on quick cash, which leads them into a deal with the now infamous Jim and Susan McDougal. Stewart relies heavily on the McDougals in his book, which seems a risky strategy. After all, McDougal, once a dashing banker, is now diagnosed as manic-depressive; he suffers from acute memory loss — points which *Time's* rival, *Newsweek*, is only too happy to point out. Susan McDougal, for her part, is facing a lawsuit charging that she, of all things, embezzled money from the conductor Zubin Mehta. Stewart, though, is convinced that he's got it right. "What he remembers, he remembers well," Stewart told me of McDougal. What's more, the White House itself suggested to Stewart that McDougal's memory was still quite sharp.

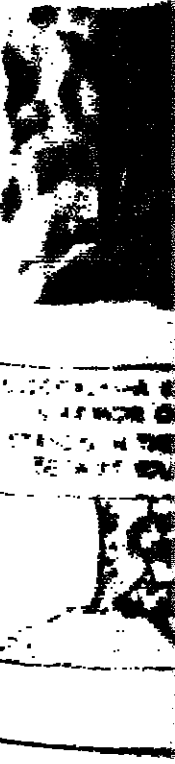
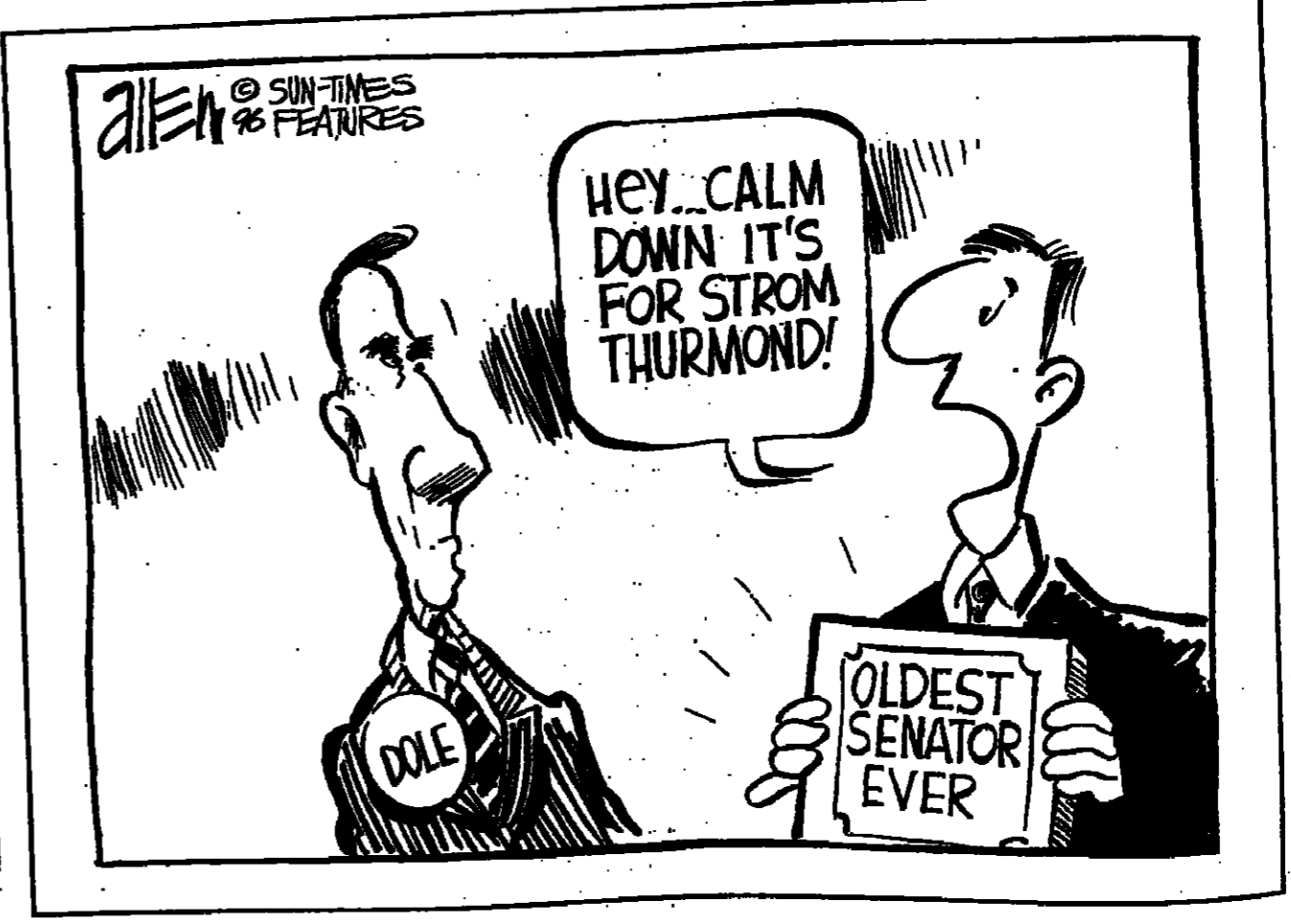
As for potential crimes, the Clintons, Stewart claims, hyped the value of the Whitewater property when they went to apply for a loan. If they did so knowingly, it would be a crime. Bill, Stewart contends, really did solicit the business of Madison Guaranty. The White House disputes these charges but even if they were true it's hard to see this as earth-shattering. A lot of people thought Stewart would be the book that'd bring down the Clintons. In the end, it's probably going to cause less damage to the White House than Bob Woodward's "The Agenda," which cemented the conventional wisdom that the Clinton White House was chaotic. (In retrospect, of course, Woodward's book could also be read as an account of how Clinton, however clumsily, split the difference between deficit hawks and investment types and came up with

a formula that helped create 8.4 million jobs.)

When it comes to Whitewater, there's plenty of blame to go around. The Clintons acted like pols, like Lamar Alexander. They made a lot of money through connections and means that had a certain stench. There are the idiotic moves of smart Clinton staffers. George Stephanopoulos' charmed resume nearly came to a dramatic end when he erupted over the appointment of Jay Stephens as the head of the RTC's investigation. Stephens, it turned out, did a report that gave credence to the Clintons' claims that they did nothing wrong. There is Al D'Amato, the "ethically challenged junior senator from New York" to use Pat Buchanan's phrase. His hearings have dragged on longer than Iran-contra; and where has he gotten? The Dems and he ought to extend the life of the committee for a few more months but call it quits after that. There's Ken Starr, whose appointment came under dubious circumstances, what with the involvement of federal Judge David Sentelle. And there are any number of pathetic sideshows. At the Little Rock trial of Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals, one of the jury alternates wears a Star Trek uniform to court every day. Sometimes the White House seems just as weird. Could the Clinton staff manage the first lady any worse? Stewart contends that access to the firm was thwarted once it became clear that he was not going to be a patsy. The White House, Stewart contends, dissembled in the extreme. "This was the first time that people have gone off the record to give me information that proved to be false... if it wasn't knowingly false, it was negligently false." When it came to fact-checking his story, for instance, Stewart says the White House offered "no cooperation." That's typical. They're perennially trying to spin. When I covered the Clinton White House for *U.S. News & World Report*, the first lady would only agree to an interview if we would refrain from using her photo on the cover. The magazine rightly refused.

Thanks to Stewart, we get Whitewater: ambitious couple cuts corners. No capital offense — probably — but enough indiscretions to make one nauseous.

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CROSS

SUNDAY COMICS

mother
to drop

Doonesbury

G. B. TRUDEAU

Panel 1: "LOOK AT THESE FISH DOING THEIR 'SUN SPRINTS'!"

Panel 2: "A SIGHT SURE TO BE MEANINGFUL."

Panel 3: "EXCUSE ME, BUT DIDN'T YOU ZEPHYRUS PARRIS TALK ABOUT THE GEORGE HANCOCK FROM COLORED BUTTER COGNAC?"

Panel 4: "ARE YOU SAYING THAT IS SO LATE? UP ON YOUR HEAD? I USED TO FOLLOW YOU TO THE GOLF!"

Panel 5: "GET OVER HERE!"

Panel 6: "REALLY? SO WHEN CAN YOU RETURN TO THE STATES FROM THOSE PARTS? I'M HOPING TO GET A JOB!"

Panel 7: "UM... I'M AFRAID THE BLENDED BLOOD OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH..."

Panel 8: "OH, I'M SORRY! YOU'VE GOT A SPOON HERE AND YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO BE A CONDO OWNER!"

Panel 9: "ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?"

Panel 10: "WHAT'S THE POINT IN HAVING HERE? THE POINT IS TO BE HERE!"

PEANUTS

by Schulz

Panel 1: "WHAT WE NEED IS CONFIDENCE!"

Panel 2: "ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION, 'CAN WE WIN?' THEN, SAY, 'YES, WE'RE GONNA WIN!'"

Panel 3: "CAN WE WIN?"

Panel 4: "'NA, FORGET IT! NO WAY! NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!"

Panel 5: "HEY, MANAGER... I GOT SOME ANSWERS, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GONNA LIKE 'EM..."

Panel 6: "TAKE HER AWAY! SOMEBODY GET HER OUT OF HERE! SHE'S GONNA DRIVE ME CRAZY!!"

Panel 7: "HEY, MANAGER... TELL ME AGAIN... WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?"

Stooge

By Jeff Meyers

Panel 1: "IS THIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RECORD?"

Panel 2: "I'M NOT SURE."

Panel 3: "IT LOOKS LIKE DEEP BACKGROUND."

Panel 4: "SENATOR, PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR CHANGE."

Panel 5: "THEY SAY THINGS STINK IN WASHINGTON."

Panel 6: "WELL, I UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS..."

Panel 7: "AND CHANGE IS GOOD, I HOPE."

Panel 8: "BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS."

Panel 9: "BESIDES, THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR."

Panel 10: "AND THESE ARE MY LUCKY SOCKS."

Calvin and Hobbes

by Wilson

Panel 1: "COOPS! I FORGOT TO READ CHAPTER ONE FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW!"

Panel 2: "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?"

Panel 3: "CATCH A QUICK COLD."

Panel 4: "COUGH COUGH"

Panel 5: "YOU SOUND TERRIBLE, CALVIN. I'LL GET YOU SOME COUGH MEDICINE."

Panel 6: "IT WASN'T ME COUGHING. IT WAS HOBBS."

Panel 7: "NEP! IT WASN'T ME!"

Panel 8: "I KNOW, BUT THAT COUGH STRIP TASTES AWFUL."

Panel 9: "SO YOU'RE GOING TO HATE ME TAKE IT? NOTHING DOING, BUSTER. I REFUSE!"

Panel 10: "HERE YOU GO, CALVIN. OPEN UP."

Panel 11: "NOT ME! GIVE IT TO HOBBS! HE'S THE ONE WHO'S @#\$%!"

Panel 12: "ACK! TIP! PEE! PPOPTH! WACK! COUGH! HACK!"

Panel 13: "MMMM! THAT COUGH MEDICINE IS GOOD! YOU SHOULD TRY SOME! REALLY!"

Panel 14: "YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME ONE BIT, YOU STINKER!"

THE SUFFERING PRINCE

by Wiley

Panel 1: "THE SUFFERING PRINCE"

Panel 2: "PICTURE YOURSELF TIED TO A TREE, CONDEMNED OF THE SINS OF ETERNITY."

Panel 3: "THEN PICTURE A SPEAR PARTING THE AIR, SEEKING YOUR HEART TO END YOUR DESPAIR."

Panel 4: "SUDDENLY—A KNIGHT IN ARMOR OF WHITE, STANDS IN THE GAP BETWEEN YOU AND ITS FLIGHT."

Panel 5: "AND SHEDDING HIS 'ARMOR OF GOD' FOR YOU—BEARS THE LANCE THAT RUNS HIM THROUGH."

Panel 6: "HIS HEART HAS BEEN PIERCED THAT YOURS MAY BEAT, AND THE BLOOD OF HIS CORPSE WASHES YOUR FEET."

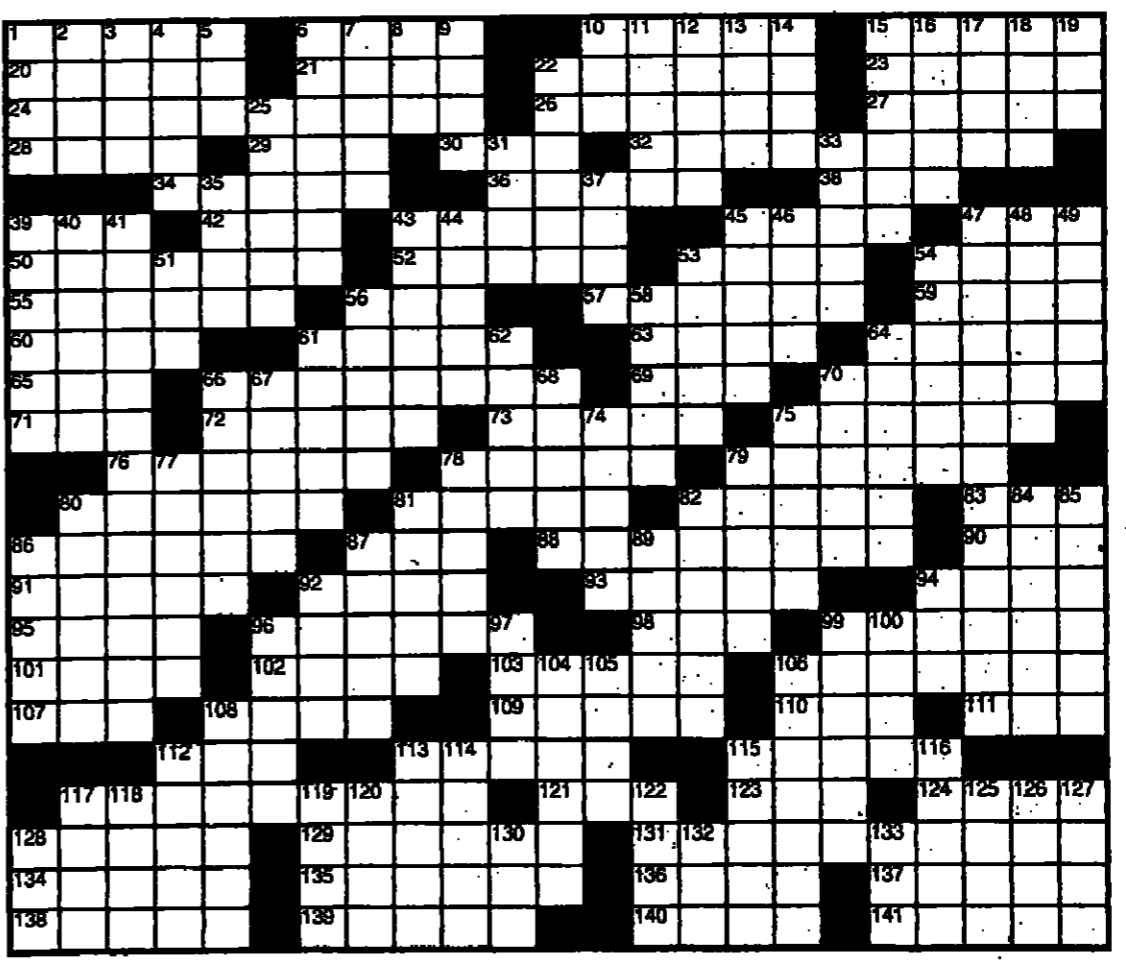
Panel 7: "PICTURE YOURSELF IN RAIMENT WHITE, CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF THE LIFELESS KNIGHT."

Panel 8: "NEVER TO MOURN THE PRINCE WHO WAS DOWNED."

Panel 9: "FOR HE IS NOT LOST! IT IS YOU WHO ARE FOUND."

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Groucho's brother
 - 6 — Hair
 - 10 Badgerlike animal
 - 20 Bay window
 - 21 Egyptian sacred bull
 - 22 Took it easy
 - 23 Overcast
 - 24 Nonsense
 - 26 Run out, like a subscription
 - 27 — Rica
 - 28 Staw pot
 - 29 — the ramparts ...
 - 30 Sweet potato
 - 32 Locomotive
 - 34 Capacity
 - 36 Avert—
 - 38 Mine yield
 - 39 Help
 - 42 Headfish
 - 43 Coast of—, Idaho
 - 45 Thin nail
 - 47 Prohibit
 - 50 Goldwater's aide
 - 52 Sheriff's band
 - 53 Mast
 - 54 Skin blemish
 - 55 Matrix mammals
 - 56 Evergreen tree
 - 57 Sudden connection
 - 59 Ceremonial fire
 - 60 Carry
 - 61 Italian city
 - 63 Facility
 - 64 Chosen
 - 65 Yale student
 - 66 King's daughter
 - 69 Humour
 - 70 Opinion opposed to the official one
 - 71 Cozy room
 - 72 Weird
 - 73 Lukewarm
 - 75 Type of hound
- DOWN**
- 1 Drifter
 - 2 Aelean sea
 - 3 Small stream
 - 4 Foot lever
 - 5 Spanish cheer
 - 6 Fortified wine
 - 7 Divided
 - 8 — the season"
 - 9 Pale
 - 10 Crate
 - 11 Fast
 - 12 Bleeding
 - 13 — Beach, Florida
 - 14 Baubers — ("Joanne")
 - 15 Write down
 - 16 Love, in Milan
 - 17 Prepare the salad
 - 18 Ending for kitchen
 - 19 Meadow
 - 22 French city
 - 25 Bible book
 - 31 Gens. older
 - 33 Composer Carmichael
 - 36 Operatic prince
 - 37 Ocean hazard
 - 38 Seasoned
 - 40 Baltimore player
 - 41 In a favorable position
 - 43 Each
 - 44 Actor Greene
 - 45 Explode
 - 46 Uncommon
 - 47 Ben Savage
 - 48 TV show
 - 49 Take into custody
 - 49 Poor
 - 51 Last letter
 - 53 Actor Randy —
 - 54 Meager
 - 56 The end
 - 58 Clark's partner
 - 61 Warning device
 - 62 Fur merchant John
- Jacob —**
- 64 Homesteader
 - 66 Topped out
 - 67 Drive away
 - 68 Letter stroke
 - 70 — la vista
 - 74 Rice dish
 - 75 Misappreciate
 - 77 Turn
 - 78 Memphis street
 - 79 Not hollow
 - 80 Alcan desert
 - 81 Award
 - 82 Fine point
 - 83 Aros —
 - 84 Style
 - 86 Blood vessel
 - 86 Secret plot
 - 87 Poetry Muse
 - 88 Aros —
 - 92 Latin 1 word
 - 94 — Rio, Texas
 - 96 Spilo —
 - 97 Freshwater fish
 - 99 Painter's workplace
 - 100 Type of capsule or card
 - 104 Formed
 - 105 "For Pete's —"
 - 106 Paragon
 - 108 Not visible
 - 112 Actor Albert
 - 113 Senator Thurmond
 - 114 Scottish feudal lord
 - 115 Great Lake
 - 116 Vapor
 - 117 Habit
 - 118 "Rule Britannia" composer
 - 119 Colorful fish
 - 120 Clergyman
 - 122 Author Kingsley —
 - 125 "Beagle Bailey" dog
 - 126 British school
 - 127 — Xisping
 - 128 Owe
 - 130 KO count
 - 132 Black cuckoo
 - 133 Cagers org.





The unjust jailing of F. Lee Bailey

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Though F. Lee Bailey does not belong in jail for failure to comply with a court order, the assistant United States attorney who got the judge to put Bailey in jail could himself end up on the wrong side of the bars — or at least of the bar — for his own actions in the confusing case that led to this brouhaha.

According to an article in the New Yorker magazine, Bailey, who was a member of the O.J. Simpson defense team, first got into trouble when another client he was representing — an alleged drug kingpin named Claude Duboc — told government lawyers that he owned 602,000 shares of stocks in a Canadian pharmaceutical company that he was willing to forfeit to the government in exchange for some consideration in sentencing. That is all too common in the bazaar we call plea bargaining.

KICKER

Now here is the kicker. Duboc apparently had some inside information suggesting that the price of the stock would soon skyrocket, and he recommended that the government not sell the forfeited stock right away. The problem is that there is a Justice Department rule requiring that the government immediately sell all stocks that it received pursuant to a forfeiture order. The government should not be in the business of speculating in stocks especially since it has access to a great deal of inside information.

In order to circumvent this rule, prosecutors apparently gave the stock to Bailey. They claim he was holding it "in trust" for the government. If that is true, then the government was engaged in a scam somewhat akin to stock "parking," for which Michael Milken and others have gone to jail.

Bailey, on the other hand, says that the stock was given to him as his fee. If it went down in price, he would lose money, and if it went up — as it did — he should keep the profits. The government apparently agrees that Bailey did bear the risks of a loss, but it denies that he was supposed to keep the profits. Why any intelligent person would agree to such a "heads-I-win-tails-you-lose" deal has not been

satisfactorily explained by the government. All this could easily have been avoided had the government done what it is required to do — namely put any deal in writing. The idea that prosecutors handed millions of dollars over to Bailey without protecting their alleged interests with a contract or a court order boggles the mind. Even the prosecutors who made this handshake deal admitted that there may be "room for criticism." There is more than room for criticism if prosecutors "parked" stock in order to circumvent a rule against benefiting from "inside information."

But Bailey is the one who landed in jail, even before the legal issues in the case have been sorted out. He is essentially in paupers' prison, since he cannot raise the money the court is insisting that he raise. But paupers'

The jailing of Bailey under these circumstances is a gross injustice. When there is a dispute over a contract — especially a vague oral agreement — one party does not ordinarily have the power to put the other party in jail.

prison was abolished decades ago — except apparently in the courtroom of the high-handed judge who ordered Bailey to stay in jail until he comes up with the disputed money.

The jailing of Bailey under these circumstances is a gross injustice. When there is a dispute over a contract — especially a vague oral agreement — one party does not ordinarily have the power to put the other party in jail, except if one party happens to be the government which has a judge on its side.

It is precisely this kind of high-handedness that makes so many Americans distrustful of government. The proper course of conduct in this case is for the dispute to be litigated in court, by a jury or a fair judge (not Judge Maurice Paul, who has a reputation for unfair-

ness and who seemed hell-bent on putting Bailey in prison). If Bailey wins, he keeps the money. If he loses, he will be required to return it. The government could then attach his assets to satisfy the judgment. But there is no basis — in law, logic or morality — for putting a civil defendant in jail before it is determined whether he owes any money to anyone. There may, however, be some basis for proceeding against a prosecutor who circumvented a rule by parking stocks to benefit from inside information.

FORUM

What is needed now is a neutral forum in which to litigate this complex case fairly. Three people are on trial: F. Lee Bailey; the prosecutor who arranged this sleazy deal; and the judge who did not adequately supervise the plea bargain and who is acting more like a prosecutor than a judicial officer. The case should now be moved to the court of claims, or some other forum in which the judge and the prosecutor can also be judged, along with Bailey. Only then can both the appearance and the reality of justice be served.

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Time Running Out for Whitewater Panel

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, facing an unbreakable Democratic filibuster against continuing his investigation of the Whitewater affair, has one last resort: transferring the probe to the Senate Banking Committee if the Special Whitewater Committee dies.

The special committee has the same membership as the Banking Committee, and both are chaired by D'Amato. When the special committee's authorization ended Feb. 29, its staff was quietly transferred to the parent Banking Committee.

But attempting to hold hearings under the auspices of the Banking Committee would evoke angry protests from Democrats. D'Amato, who first wanted an indefinite mandate for Whitewater hearings and then proposed four more months, probably would settle for a three-month extension. There is no sign that Democrats would agree to that compromise, and the chairman may have to revert to his fallback position.

WHITE HOUSE DEBATE

Despite President Clinton's huge lead in the polls, a debate is under way inside the White House over how to respond to the slow-growth economy and concern among lower-income workers.

Campaign consultant Dick Morris, the principal architect of Clinton's political revival, is advising Clinton to continue to laud the economic progress made over the last three years without suggesting anything is amiss.

But Morris' rival, Deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, is pushing a markedly different approach. He would have the president point to a gap in distribution of prosperity and suggest what the second Clinton administration would do about it in opposition to Republican forces.

DOLE COOLING IT?

Sen. Bob Dole is being advised by many colleagues in the Senate to stay on the campaign trail, even though he has now clinched the Republican presidential nomination, rather than come back to Washington as full-time Senate majority leader.

That reflects deep-seated doubt in Senate GOP ranks that Dole will be able to score any notable legislative victories in the current climate. A key test of how much will be accomplished this year is whether the Senate is able to pass a product liability law, which is all that remains of the Republicans' legal reform agenda.

The Senate Republican leadership is trying to put together an "offensive" for this year concentrating on a balanced budget, welfare reform, crime and drugs. But this agenda will not be ready for several weeks, reflecting Dole's absence on the campaign trail and his refusal to delegate his duties.

LABOR RESURGENT

Newly installed AFL-CIO President John Sweeney is taken seriously by conservative activists as making organized labor a major force in the 1996 elections.

In addition to engineering a 36 percent increase in membership dues to finance \$25 million of the \$35 million promised for political action this year, Sweeney may be able to broaden labor's impact thanks to new Federal Election Commission decisions. Those rulings concern the power of labor unions to advertise politically beyond their own membership.

The conservative response to Sweeney is to resume the push for a national right-to-work law barring compulsory union membership. Dole has agreed to seek a vote, but chances of getting the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster are slim.

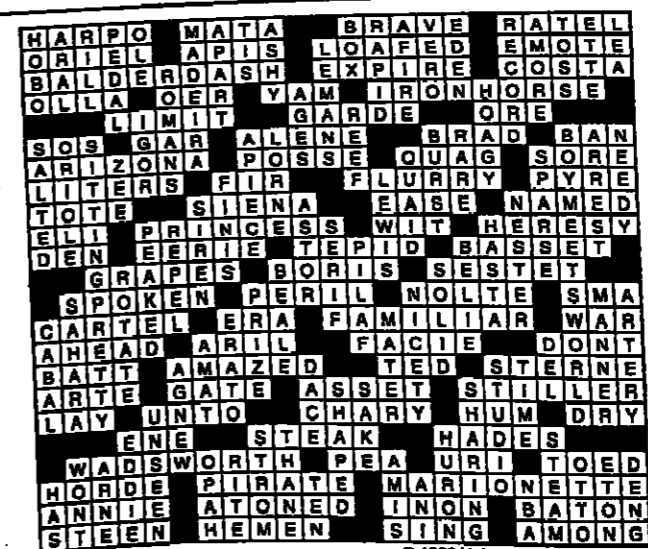
GOV. FEINSTEIN?

If Democrats do not regain control of the Senate in the 1996 elections, there is a chance that Sen. Dianne Feinstein may seek the governorship of California in 1998.

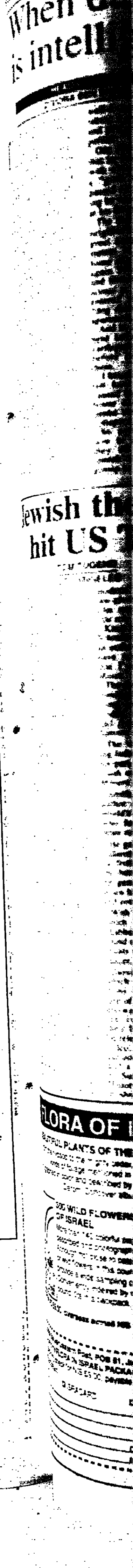
Feinstein ran in three costly statewide races in 1990, 1992 and 1994 before finally winning a six-year term in the Senate. But she is described by friends as unhappy with being in the Senate minority and looking to the governorship she lost to Republican Pete Wilson in 1990.

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When dumb is intelligent

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE term "dumb animals" does not refer to their intelligence so much as their inability to speak. But dogs can make a point or tell you what they want without words. They can whimper, whine, bark and growl; and their body language includes tail wagging, paw waving and ear cocking.

Many animals learn that certain actions produce the desired results — one pet terrier used to bring me his empty food dish. And if I was late getting home he would pick up his dish and go scratch at the neighbor's door!

For an animal to behave like this, it must have found out — and remembered — what works for it in a given situation. A dog or cat which remembers that a refrigerator contains edible treats will often gaze wistfully at this source of goodies.

One day a girl sat on my dog's pillow. The dog was thoroughly upset and crowded onto the pillow next to the usurper.

Since then, whenever the girl enters the house, the dog goes at once to her pillow and lies on it with a clear message: This is mine!

And there are numerous stories of dogs warning their owners of danger, or leading them to an injured person. There are also

well-documented cases of dogs taking it upon themselves to go and procure help for an injured person.

One man in Tel Aviv tells me that he had an elderly neighbor with whom his sole contact was a "good morning" when they passed on the street. One morning he was awakened by a noise at his front door.

The dog at the door was the neighbor's pet. It was barking in great agitation, running a few meters in the direction of its home and then returning to bark again. The man followed the dog and found the neighbor unconscious at home. (The dog had entered and left by the little "dog door" at the back of the apartment.)

And in Japan there's a widely held belief that cats warn of earthquakes some minutes before humans are aware of them.

I heard dozens of people there tell how their cats' agitation caused them to run out of the house only moments before a quake struck and the building collapsed.

So animals certainly know how to communicate. In fact they do rather well without speech — and at least they don't gossip or talk nonsense.

Hadassah's role in defeating the Nazis

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia surely remembers that as a young man he received medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus. The war was then raging in Europe; and Palestine, with a surfeit of medics who had fled Hitler, was an island of high-quality medical treatment.

Prince Fahd was not the only Arab VIP who availed himself of "Zionist" medicine. Nakdimon Rogel, who researched documents that Hadassah recently transferred to the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, cites quite a number. In the recent issue of the bimonthly *Et-Mol*, Rogel mentions, among others, the brother-in-law of a Jordanian prince; a princess of the Druse el-Atrash clan; Iraq's future king Faisal II; the Palestinian ultranationalist Awmi Abdul-Hadi; and the mother and wife of the Persian Shah. From Baghdad, came Nuri Said's spouse and his chief of police.

Did politics bow to medicine? Not exactly.

In addition to the British, there were Polish, Czech, Yugoslav and Greek armies stationed in Palestine. And

American airmen in particular regarded Hadassah as an American institution to which they could go whenever the need arose. Hadassah earmarked \$1,000 to provide the Free French with surgery equipment, cushions and blankets. A wheelchair was specially repaired in Tel Aviv to serve a French soldier who had lost both his legs.

One day in December 1942, a French flight officer, Lt. Larski, asked Hadassah Hospital head Dr. Haim Yassky to help him test an idea for an unconventional weapon.

Larski believed that if soldiers were submitted to a barrage of radio waves from a distance of 3km., they would lose control of their nervous system and their ability to fight.

Dr. Yassky took the matter seriously, notes Rogel. He set up a committee, mainly of doctors, but which also included Prof. Shmuel Samburski, the head of the Hebrew University's physics department, to examine Larski's idea. And he insisted that all tests be approved by the British military authorities.

Several weeks later, however,

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

Dr. Yassky was informed that Larski's suggestion had been examined in Britain and was found to be inoperative. London did not believe electromagnetic waves could achieve the desired effect.

Some medico-political flirting with the Yugoslavs in 1944 petered out, in spite of promising beginnings.

During a visit to London, Moshe Shertok (later Sharett) secured Churchill's blessing for his suggestion to send Jewish "Palestinians" to Tito-held parts of Yugoslavia, with the double task of helping Jews and securing information for the allies.

ON THE British side, delays were caused by fears that the project might anger the Arabs; but also because, if successful, it would place Britain in the Zionists' debt, says Rogel.

On his way back to Jerusalem, Sharett was approached in Cairo by Tito's representative. The Yugoslavs would help such "Palestinian" efforts to save Jews from the Nazis if the Zionists gave medical assis-

tance to the Yugoslavs. Sharett agreed.

Some 50 beds could be made available for the project immediately, with another 50 when a new maternity ward was ready on Mount Scopus. But when Yassky asked for approval from Yehuda Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, and wartime representative of Hadassah in Jerusalem, there were complications. It transpired that Hadassah had pledged to reserve 80 beds for American airmen.

Moreover, Hadassah had a written engagement to help the Yugoslav government-in-exile in London — which Tito was fighting.

And Reuven Zaslani (later Shiloah), Sharett's intelligence man, discovered that the Yugoslavs were scared lest the Jewish refugees from Hungary got stuck during their passage through Tito-held territory.

Meanwhile the Yugoslav medical mission in Cairo decided that Yugoslav sick and wounded would be better directed to hospitals in Bari (southern Italy) and Egypt.

But the mission was prepared

to welcome a delegation of doctors and nurses, and drugs of the kind used in continental Europe, as opposed to those prepared according to British and American specifications.

Everything collapsed after Belgrade was liberated in October 1944. Almost immediately, Rogel notes, Tito showed animosity toward the Zionists.

Some five months later, however, the Yugoslav liaison officer in Jerusalem, Dr. Meir Weltman, asked if Hadassah could supply an urgently needed serum to fight a typhoid epidemic in Yugoslavia. Dr. Weltman, head of the Yugoslav immigrants' association in Palestine, passed the request to Sharett, asking if the Jewish Agency would fork out 500 Palestine pounds for 10 liters of serum from the Hadassah Hospital.

The deal was delayed when one of Sharett's staff insisted that the appeal should be made to the Jewish Agency, not to a private individual. When such a letter arrived, the serum was duly delivered, and the Jewish Agency was profusely thanked for its contribution to the general war effort.

Jewish themes hit US TV

TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES

MAYBE it's because Pessah, Easter and Holocaust Remembrance Week all fall in April, but next month American television has prepared an unusually varied fare of specials on religious themes and Christian-Jewish relations during World War II.

As a kind of prelude, three documentary films will be in contention at tomorrow's Academy Awards.

Anne Frank Remembered throws new light on Miep Gies and other heroic Dutch Gestapo, who tried desperately to sustain and protect the Frank family.

One Survivor Remembers documents the experiences of Gerda Klein, who survived three years of forced labor, camps and a death march.

Never Give Up narrates the remarkable life of 91-year-old Herbert Zipper, who organized secret concerts at Dachau and for the past 50 years has brought classical music to American inner-city schools.

The most interesting of the TV specials promises to be *Shetl*, which explores the Polish village of Bransk, whose 2,500 Jews made up 60 percent of the population and who were killed in Treblinka's gas chambers in just one day.

Shetl was filmed over a four-year period in Poland, Israel and the US, and evolved into a penetrating examination of relations between Polish Jews and Gentiles before, during and after the war.

Filmmaker Marian Marzynski, himself a Holocaust survivor, teamed up with a young Christian Pole, who has been trying to reconstruct the life and death of Bransk's Jews.

A two-part miniseries, simply titled *Moses*, will also air. Described as a "surprisingly

modern" interpretation of the law-giver's life and death, the film stars Ben Kingsley in the title role.

Kingsley credits his role in *Schindler's List* with giving him an understanding of "people who have survived. It's their spirit that I've tried to breathe into *Moses*."

The production team for *Moses* previously produced three other films on biblical themes, succinctly titled *Abraham*, *Jacob* and *Joseph*. Coming up next is *Samson and Delilah*.

The world's religions, including Judaism, will be explored in a six-part series in *The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith: A Bill Moyers Special*.

Smith, a noted historian and author of the best-selling *The World's Religions*, is a Methodist who has immersed himself in other religions.

He gained a special insight into Judaism, which he describes as "a living conversation between the human and divine that goes on generation after generation," when his daughter married a Jew and converted.

With her and his son-in-law, Smith has frequently observed Shabbat and the Seder, and he found solace in Jewish mourning rituals when his daughter died of cancer.

Survivors of the Holocaust, which uses the first-hand testimony of survivors to trace the fate of European Jewry from the pre-war years to the freeing of the concentration camps and their lives since liberation, will be released in a 70-minute home video, which also includes a discussion with Steven Spielberg and a behind-the-scenes tour of his Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, which co-produced the documentary.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Quiet trading Positive close WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks edged higher Friday in light trading, as investors eased quietly into the weekend. Just before the close on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 9 points. It rose more than 20 points at the open, quickly gave back those gains but then trudged higher throughout the remainder of the session. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was light at under 300 million shares, down from Thursday's pace. Broad-market indexes were narrowly mixed. The NYSE composite index was up 0.65 at 348.71. The Standard-and-Poor's 500 list was up 1.60 at 650.79. But the Nasdaq composite was off 1.28 at 1,101.07, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index was off 0.20 at 568.20. Traders were breathing a sigh of relief after weeks of high anxiety. "This is a rare quiet Friday," said Phil Erlanger, who runs his own stock research firm in Acton, Massachusetts and said he took the opportunity to assess the past several weeks. "The thing that I see," he said, "is that the stock market had plenty of opportunity to really have that 10-to-15 percent correction that everybody was looking for, and it just doesn't do it. You've got rising interest rates, the tech stocks ... getting rolled, and yet the stock market just holds together."

LONDON (Reuters) - British shares ended the week on a positive note. With little significant economic data in London or in the US, the index advanced 8.7 to 3,707.0. Over the week the index climbed to the higher end of its recent trading range, adding 62.2 points. FRANKFURT - Shares closed in negative territory, unable to capitalize on early gains after pre-weekend jitters and lackluster German bonds. Electronic trade on the IBIS DAX index closed down 25.48 at 2,479.84, below the psychologically-crucial 2,500 point mark. Earlier, the 30-share DAX index ended bourse trade down 0.10 points at 2,504.02 a rise of 45.79 on the week. PARIS - Shares ended slightly lower in a market without direction. There was speculation in the drugs sector after a news article, later denied, of an imminent alliance between Rhone-Poulenc and Elf Aquitaine or a merger of their drugs units Rhone-Poulenc Rorer and Sanofi. The CAC-40 index closed down 2.54 at 1,974.35, up 24.23 from seven days ago. TOKYO - Stocks ended soft after five consecutive rises, bruised by falls in the bank sector and Oki Electric. The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 26.61 at 20,700.92 a gain of 510.07 on the week.

Dollar up against yen CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar edged higher against the Japanese yen Friday, as Taiwan's elections this weekend stirred tensions in Asia. The dollar fell modestly against the German mark and other major currencies. Trading was light with little economic news to sway the market. By the close in New York, the dollar was quoted at 106.86 Japanese yen, up from 106.70 late Thursday, and 1.4761 German marks, down from 1.4785. The British pound was quoted at \$1.5350, down from \$1.5375. Gold in London closed at \$397.35 per ounce, up from \$396.00. Silver traded at \$5.61 a troy ounce, up from \$5.59.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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Cash flow may ebb WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market's silver bullet - huge cash flows into stock funds - may be losing its luster. Lately Wall Street has been awash with optimism, despite the stock market's recent wobbles, about the flood of cash into equity funds. The market's spectacular gains in 1995, plus the aging of the America's Baby Boom generation and beginning-of-the-year seasonal factors, were said to be keeping stock purchases high, lots of cash on the sidelines, and, ultimately, price gains intact. But a recent report by Prudential Securities suggests the robust cash flows can continue to drive prices higher only if individual investors either slow down their sales of individual stock holdings, or shift even more of their money into the stock market through mutual funds and individual pension funds. "Recent fund flows alone may not lead to an ever-rising stock market," writes Melissa R. Brown, a technical analyst at Prudential. A souping of economic fundamentals - a significant rise in interest rates or a big drop in consumer buying, for example - could quickly derail the stock market's advances, analysts said. "This year, the money flows have been the major stalwart of the market," said Edward Riley, chief investment officer at Bank of Boston, even as interest rates and inflation have edged up and corporate profits are starting to show some wear and tear. Steady cash flows to stock funds have overridden those negative factors and are "the reason the market's hovering near its highs," Riley said. But fund inflows are declining, though admittedly from extremely high levels. The Investment Company Institute, the mutual fund trade group, tentatively pegged net inflows into global stock mutual funds at \$21 billion in February. Final figures are due out this coming week.

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White House cheers recapture of terrorist who killed Klinghoffer

THE Clinton Administration applauded the recapture in Spain on Friday of Majid Mofiq, convicted of murdering Leon Klinghoffer during the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

Guard in the seaside town of Estepona, southwest of Malaga near the Strait of Gibraltar which separates Spain from Tunisia.

whether the information that led to Mofiq's capture warrants the \$2 million reward it had offered, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said Friday.



Environment Minister Yossi Sarid was on hand Friday to welcome a male bearded vulture at the Tel Aviv University Zoological Gardens. The bearded vulture has been extinct in Israel since the 1980s, with the exception of one female, who is in captivity at the university. The male was brought from Belgium by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. It is hoped that the offspring of the two will be released into the wild.

Ukrainian couple slain at home weeks before immigrating here

A MIDDLE-AGED couple from Ukraine who were due to make aliya during the Intermediate Days of Pessah were found murdered in their apartment in Simferopol on Monday night.

BATSHEVA TSUR

they believe the motive for the murder was criminal.

who had tried several times to reach them, asked a neighbor who had a key to enter the apartment.

Court more than doubles sentence in rape of 11-year-old stepdaughter

THE Supreme Court last week more than doubled the sentence of a man convicted of raping his stepdaughter, increasing it from four to 10 years.

EVELYN GORDON

edy. The state then appealed. Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'akov Kedmi agreed with the state that neither of these reasons justified so light a sentence for such a serious crime.

might deter this trend. The justices said they would have given the man an even longer sentence had they been sitting as the court of first instance, but since their policy is not to exercise the full harshness of the law on appeal, they upped the sentence to only 10 years.

Queen to honor Holocaust victims in Warsaw

LONDON (AP) - Queen Elizabeth II, responding to a request from Britain's Jewish community, will honor the memory of Holocaust victims during her state visit to Poland next week, the government said Friday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

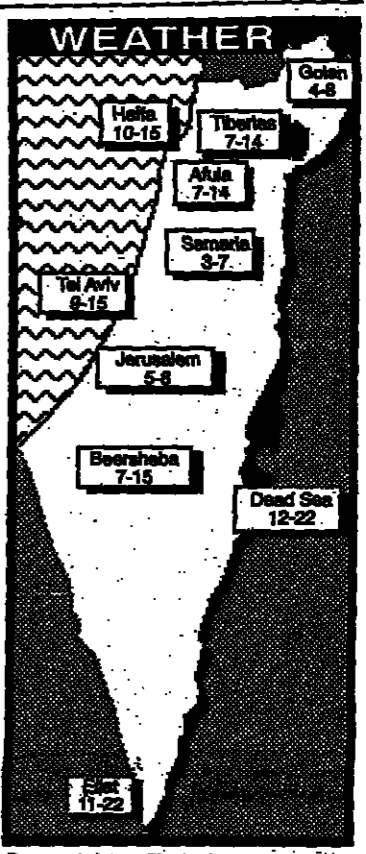
- Voter workshops scheduled for Americans**
Workshops on how to register for US elections will be held around the country this week.
- Kibbutzim forming own party**
THE kibbutzim are forming their own party to run in the upcoming Knesset elections.
- Darawshe heading Democratic Arab Party**
Democratic Arab Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe was chosen over the weekend to head his party's list for the upcoming elections.
- Eurovision judges turn down Israeli entry**
Eurovision Song Contest judges said good-bye to Israel's entry 'Hello World' by singer Galit Bell.
- Remand extended in cocaine case**
THREE people accused of smuggling 43 kilos of cocaine - Ya'acov Ohamna, 44, his wife Margoza, 43, of Moshav Kadima in the Sharon region, and Ya'acov's brother Maxim, 46, from Kibbutz Sdot Yam - had their remands extended by 10 days in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday.

US Senate will probe fate of funds in Swiss accounts

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Senate Banking Committee will hold hearings on what happened to funds deposited in Swiss banks by Jews and other Holocaust victims, the World Jewish Congress said on Friday.

Principal: Feuerstein unfit for Ethiopian program

THE principal of Tel Aviv's Kedma school has charged that Israel Prize laureate Reuven Feuerstein should not run a program to integrate Ethiopian children into the school system, since, in the 1950s, he said immigrants from Oriental countries were of inferior intelligence.



AROUND THE WORLD

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Los Angeles	14	22	clear
Moscow	10	18	clear
Mumbai	24	32	clear
New York	10	18	cloudy
Paris	10	18	clear
Rome	10	18	clear

Reform movement leader Rabbi Leon Kronish dies

RABBI Leon Kronish, founding senior rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Miami Beach and a former national chairman of State of Israel Bonds, has died after a long illness.

Wolf Prizes to be awarded

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